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SUBJ: SEATO FINANCE OFFICER

1. SECGEN OF SEATO HAS INVITED THE USG TO NOMINATE A CANDIDATE TO THE POST OF FINANCE OFFICER, INTERNATIONAL STAFF, GRADE IV (\$10,310 PER YEAR PLUS HOUSING ALLOWANCE, ETC.). THIS CIVILIAN POSITION IS CURRENTLY HELD BY LTC J.J. BLESSING USAF (ACTIVE DUTY) BY SPECIAL AGREEMENT. THE TERM OF OFFICE IS TWO TO THREE YEARS AS INDICATED BY NOMINATING GOVERNMENT (FOR INCREASED CONTINUITY SECGEN IS STRESSING THREE YEAR APPOINTMENTS). THIS INVITATION IS THE RESULT OF AN UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT BY THE AUSTRALIA GOVERNMENT TO FIND A QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL IN THEIR GOVERNMENTAL SERVICE TO VOLUNTEER FOR SERVICE ON THE SEATO-INTERNATIONAL STAFF.

2. EMBASSY BANGKOK IS AWARE OF A WELL-QUALIFIED AMERICAN WHO IS INTERESTED IN THIS POSITION. THIS INDIVIDUAL IS JOHN K. ELAM, JR., COLONEL, USARMY FINANCE CORPS, THE COMPTROLLER OF MACHTAI. ELAM HAS OVER 28 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN FINANCE, BUDGETING & ACCOUNTING IN THE U.S. ARMY AND DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, WILL BE RETIRING FROM ACTIVE DUTY THIS SUMMER, IS AVAILABLE TO TAKE OVER THE SEATO POSITION ON 30 JUNE 1975 WHEN THE INCUMBENT IS SCHEDULED TO DEPART AND IS AGREEABLE TO A THREE YEAR COMMITMENT.

3. ALSO, ELAM IS AN IDEAL CANDIDATE FROM THE STAND POINT THAT WE CAN FILL THIS POSITION WITH NO DIRECT COST TO USG. ELAM IS ALREADY LOCATED HERE IN BANGKOK AND WILL BE

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RETIRED FROM ACTIVE FEDERAL SERVICE.

4. REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S APPROVAL TO NOMINATE ELAM AS THE CANDIDATE FOR THE FINANCE OFFICER POST AT SEATO WITH A THREE YEAR COMMITMENT. THE CURRENT USG POSTING ON THE SEATO INTERNATIONAL STAFF IS FOUR CIVILIAN AND THREE MILITARY. AFTER THE SUMMER TURN-OVER IT WILL BE FOUR CIVILIAN AND TWO MILITARY, IF THE USG FILLS THE FINANCE OFFICER POSITION WITH ELAM, WHO WILL BE A CIVILIAN AT THAT TIME.
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